

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FUND

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

As part of the reorganization of appropriations acts, the Analyst recommends that the committee vote to include the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund. The Executive Appropriations Committee approved this reorganization of the appropriations acts on November 13, 2012. Based on current law (UCA 26-50, the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund receives its revenue from appropriations from the Legislature, grants, and donations from private sources and can spend all revenues without additional Legislative action. The Fund ended FY 2012 with a balance of \$213,800 due to the \$200,000 appropriation for the Traumatic Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation Fund being temporarily placed in the wrong fund. Expenditures from the Fund have ranged from \$9,800 in FY 2011 to \$16,900 in FY 2012 in the last three years.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Why Are we Proposing This Change?

On November 13 the Executive Appropriations Committee approved reorganization of appropriations acts so that they will more clearly identify different types of transactions. Under the reorganization, operating and capital appropriations – typically thought of as “the budget” – will be presented in separate subsections from items that approve business-like activities, review fiduciary funds, or simply move money from one account to another. The reorganization will not only more clearly communicate the legislature’s intent to state agencies and the Division of Finance, it will also allow readers to more easily compare appropriations acts to other budget documents like the Governor’s recommendations and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The reorganization also allows legislative staff to present more and better information about certain types of financial activity. Because transactions are now presented and summarized by type, all activity in self-spending “restricted special revenue” funds and enterprise funds can be shown without risk of double-counting. This year, staff is expanding and improving reporting on funds and accounts previously included in appropriations acts, and will over time add other funds not previously shown.

What is the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund?

One such fund is the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund. This Fund receives its revenue from appropriations from the Legislature, grants, and donations from private sources as per UCA 26-50. The Fund is to educate the public, coordinate short-term care, and support an information and referral system for persons with a traumatic brain injury. Medical treatment, long-term care, and acute care are not approved uses for the Fund.

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